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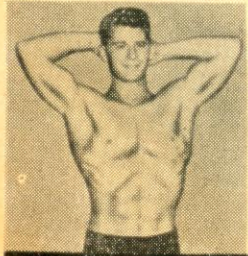
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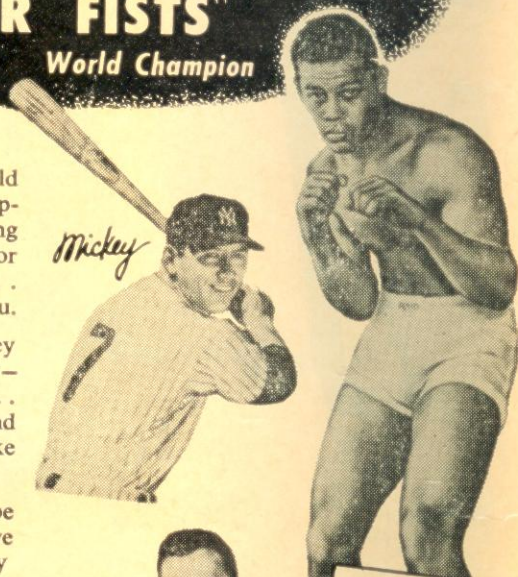
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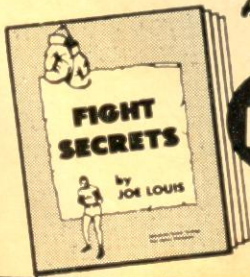
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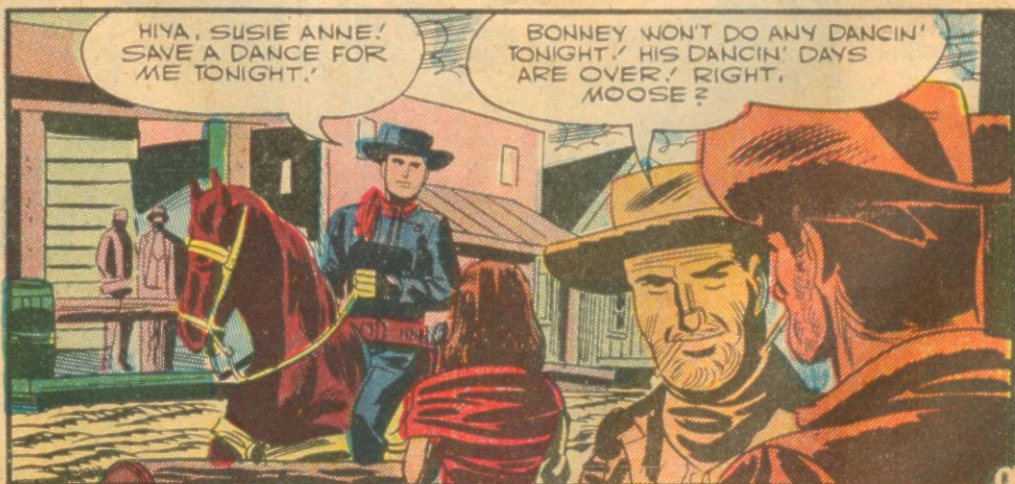
# BILLY THE KID

YOUNG BILL BONNEY HAD ONLY HAPPY THOUGHTS IN HIS HEAD THAT DAY WHEN HE RODE INTO ROCK SPRINGS. THERE WAS A DANCE THAT NIGHT AND HE HAD A MONTH'S PAY IN HIS POCKET. THEN, WHEN HE LOOKED UP AND SAW THE RED GLOW OF HATE IN CRESS STANHOPE'S EYES, HE KNEW HE WOULDN'T DANCE THAT NIGHT! FOR CRESS STANHOPE WAS A...

## SWORN ENEMY!



BONNEY -- BILLY THE KID -- WAS LIKE ANY OTHER TWENTY YEAR OLD KID THAT DAY! HE HAD SOME MONEY AND HE WAS OUT FOR A GOOD TIME...

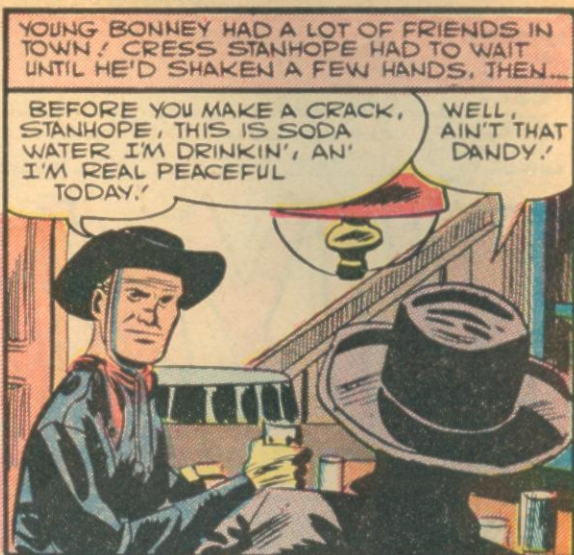




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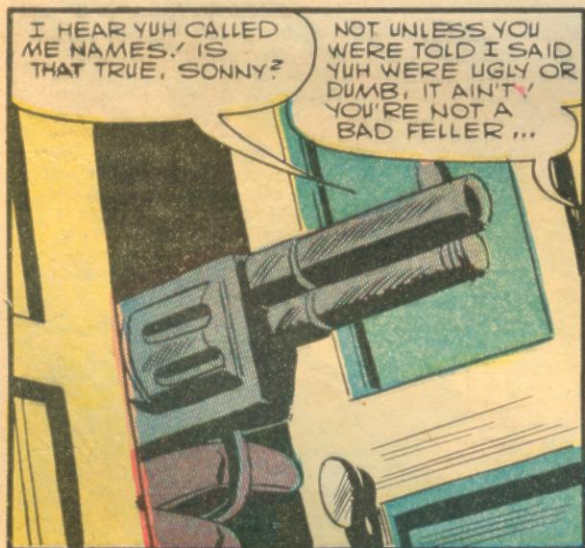


GO IN THE BACK WAY, MOOSE! BE INSIDE THE BACK ROOM WITH YOUR COLT READY! I'LL FORCE HIM TUH DRAW AT THE BAR!



BEFORE YOU MAKE A CRACK, STANHOPE, THIS IS SODA WATER I'M DRINKIN', AN' I'M REAL PEACEFUL TODAY.

WELL, AIN'T THAT DANDY!



I HEAR YUH CALLED ME NAMES. IS THAT TRUE, SONNY?

NOT UNLESS YOU WERE TOLD I SAID YUH WERE UGLY OR DUMB, IT AIN'T! YOU'RE NOT A BAD FELLER ...



...CRESS, BUT I JUST DON'T LIKE YUH.

YOU BABY-FACED... GET 'IM, MOOSE!

IT WAS A TRAP... BUT BILLY THE KID HAD SEEN SUCH TRAPS BEFORE! IN THE SPLIT SECOND IT TOOK FOR STANHOPE TO DRAW HIS GUN, BILLY HAD EVENED THE BATTLE...



YOUR STOOGES WAS A LITTLE CARELESS, STANHOPE... SO WERE YOU!



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NEITHER MAN WAS FATALY INJURED! BUT BILLY THE KID HAD FIXED CRESS STANHOPE SO HE'D NEVER DRAW AGAIN...

YUH RUINED ME, BONNEY-- BUT MY BROTHER LAFE WILL GET YUH.'

YEAH-- HE'LL SEND A DOZEN OF HIS HIRED GUNMEN AND RUSTLERS AFTER ME.' GO ON, GET OUT.'



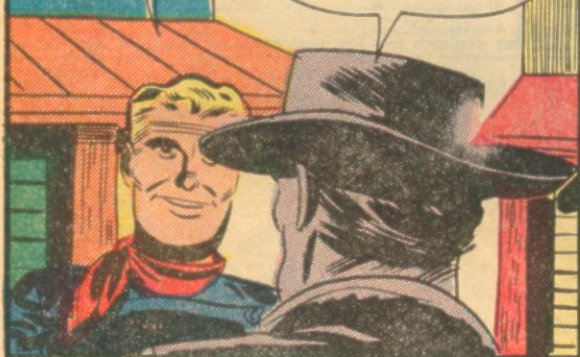
AM I UNDER ARREST, SHERIFF?

I KNOW THEY JUMPED YOU, BILLY, BUT YOU'RE IN TROUBLE THIS TIME. LAFE STANHOPE WILL BE AFTER YOU.'



WHERE YUH GOIN' CURLY? WE'RE GOIN' TO THE DANCE LIKE WE PLANNED, AREN'T WE?

I WON'T LIE, BILLY! I JUST CAN'T AFFORD TUH BE SEEN WITH YUH. LAFE STANHOPE WON'T BE FOOLIN' WHEN HE COMES AFTER YUH.'



EVERYONE IN TOWN GAVE THE BOYISH COW-BOY PLENTY OF ROOM. THEY KNEW LAFE STANHOPE WOULD SMASH HIM AND ANY-ONE WHO STOOD WITH HIM...

I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED, BILLY. IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT! WHY ARE THEY SO AFRAID OF LAFE STANHOPE? HIS RIDERS AREN'T BAD!

HIS REGULAR CREW IS ALL RIGHT, SUSIE ANNE-- BUT HE HAS A BUNCH OF OWL-HOOTERS WHO WORK FOR HIM AFTER DARK. I'D BETTER LEAVE TOWN.'



HE DIDN'T LOSE ANY TIME! I'M GOIN' TO DRAG THAT SIDEWINDER OUT OF THE ROCKS AND TIE KNOTS IN HIS TAIL.'





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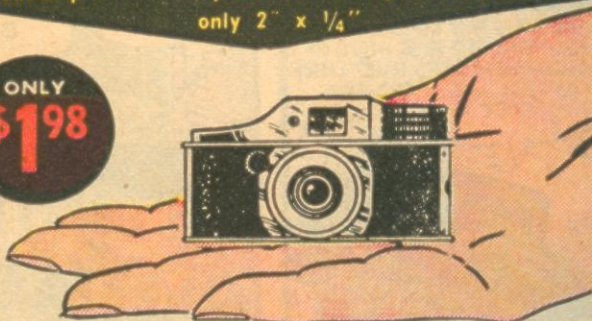


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THE GUNMAN WAS WELL CONCEALED IN A NEST OF ROCKS. HE PUMPED A FRESH SHELL INTO HIS WINCHESTER, EXPECTING BONNEY TO FIND COVER...

BETTER NOT MISS AGAIN, BUSTER! I'M COMIN' FOR YUH!

THIS SHOULD BE... MISSED! THE KID'S CRAZY!



GO TELL LAFE I'M GETTIN' MAD! IF HE DOESN'T CALL OFF HIS DOGS, I'LL COME AFTER HIM!

I'LL TELL HIM! IT'LL BE DIFFERENT NEXT TIME!

BILLY THE KID HAD HUNDREDS OF FRIENDS EAGER TO HELP-- BUT HE WOULDN'T ENDANGER THEM BY ACCEPTING IT...

THIS AIN'T MUCH LIKE THE DANCE I EXPECTED, HOSS! WHY CAN'T THEY LET ME ALONE? I HAD NO QUARREL WITH CRESS STANHOPE! TROUBLE JUST SEEMS TO FOLLOW ME!





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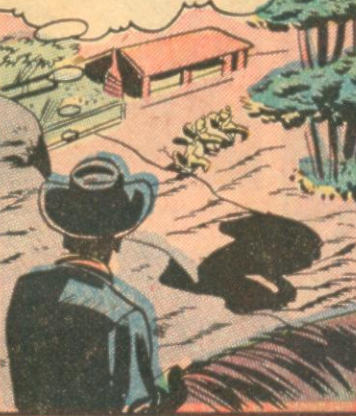
THE KID HAD SHOT AT A RIFLE FLASH IN THE DARK ... BUT HE KNEW HE HADN'T MISSED ...

ANOTHER ONE OF STANHOPE'S HEADHUNTERS!



BILLY SLEPT IN COLD BLANKETS AND WENT WITHOUT BREAKFAST! HE WAS FED UP WITH BEING HUNTED.

THERE'S A LOT OF RIDERS LEAVIN' DOWN THERE! LAFE IS PROBABLY COMBIN' THE WOODS FOR ME! I'LL SAVE A LOT OF TROUBLE JUST RIDIN' DOWN THERE!



DON'T FAINT, COOKIE! YOUR BOSS IS INSIDE, ISN'T HE?

Y-YEAH! I'M JUST THE COOK! I DON'T WANT TROUBLE!



GET BONNEY IF YOU HAVE TO USE EVERY OUTLAW IN THE SOUTHWEST! HE RUINED CRESS'S HAND! HE'LL GET ME IF HE CAN!



WATCH IT, BOSS! IT'S BONNEY!

HOLD IT, TATE! WHY ARE YOU HERE, BABY-FACE? WHAT'S THE GAG?



I WANT TO ASK YOU TO CALL OFF YOUR HOUNDS! CRESS JUMPED ME, I DIDN'T JUMP HIM!

BEGGIN' WON'T HELP, BONNEY! I'VE GOT YUH NOW! OKAY, TATE!





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HE'S NOT SO...  
AAAHH!

EITHER USE IT OR DROP IT,  
STANHOPE! QUICK!



IF ANYONE COMES IN, I'LL  
START SHOOTIN', STAN-  
HOPE! I'M GETTIN' OUT  
OF HERE! THAT OUTLAW  
CREW OF YOURS WON'T  
STOP ME!

YOUNG BONNEY WAS IN THE  
SADDLE BEFORE STANHOPE'S  
OUTLAWS KNEW WHAT HAP-  
PENED! HIS HORSE WAS  
FAST BUT HE DIDN'T GAIN  
GROUND ON HIS PURSUERS...



I HOPE THE DEAD PINE  
IS STILL STICKIN' OUTA  
THE TOP! IF IT'S  
NOT, I'M COOKED!



AN HONEST COWPOKE  
WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE  
GETTIN' OUT OF THIS--  
BUT THERE WON'T BE  
A RIATA IN  
STANHOPE'S  
WHOLE  
CREW!



MADE IT! NOW, I'VE GOT TO PUT  
THE PLUG IN THIS JUG AFTER  
THEY GET INSIDE!



STANHOPE'S OUTFIT SWEEPED INTO THE  
CANYON AND....

HE TRICKED US!  
THAT BABYFACED  
GUNSLINGER LED  
US INTO A TRAP!



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RUNNING WASN'T EASY IN RIDING BOOTS BUT YOUNG BONNEY LEAP-ED AND SKIDDED DOWN TO THE CANYON ENTRANCE. HE MADE IT JUST IN TIME...

GET BACK IN THERE, BUSTER!



WE'LL RUSH HIM! YOU MEN RIDE...

NOT ME, BOSS! I'D RATHER SET UP HOUSE-KEEPIN' IN A GRIZZLY CAVE THAN FACE THAT KID!



I KNOW IT'S A TRICK BUT I'LL RUIN THE HAT ANYWAY! STANHOPE'S WOLVES SURE AIN'T HOWLIN' LOUD TODAY! I HOPE THE SHERIFF GETS CURIOUS PRETTY SOON!



YOUNG BONNEY HELD STANHOPE'S CREW AT BAY FOR TWO HOURS... THEN THE SHERIFF AND TWO DEPUTIES RODE UP...

DID YOU FIND THE RUSTLED BEEF, SHERIFF? STANHOPE HAD A HERD READY TUH MOVE WHEN HE STARTED THIS WAR WITH ME...

YEAH, WE FOUND IT! I'D TAKE HIM AND HIS CREW IF I COULD..



STANHOPE AND HIS CREW GAVE UP WHEN THE SHERIFF IDENTIFIED HIMSELF! BILLY'S RAGING FIRE HAD HURT MORE THAN HE KNEW...

I'LL GET YOU, BONNEY! WAIT AND SEE!

THAT'LL BE A LONG TIME FROM NOW, STANHOPE! WE'VE FINALLY GOT THE GOODS ON YOU!



BILLY THE KID HAD MORE GOOD NEWS WHEN HE REACHED TOWN. THE DANCE HAD BEEN POSTPONED... AND HE GOT THERE IN TIME...

WHY, BILLY BONNEY-- YOU'RE BLUSHING!

I'M JUST A SHY LITTLE KID!



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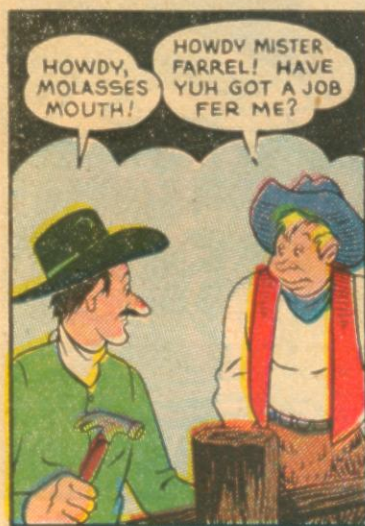
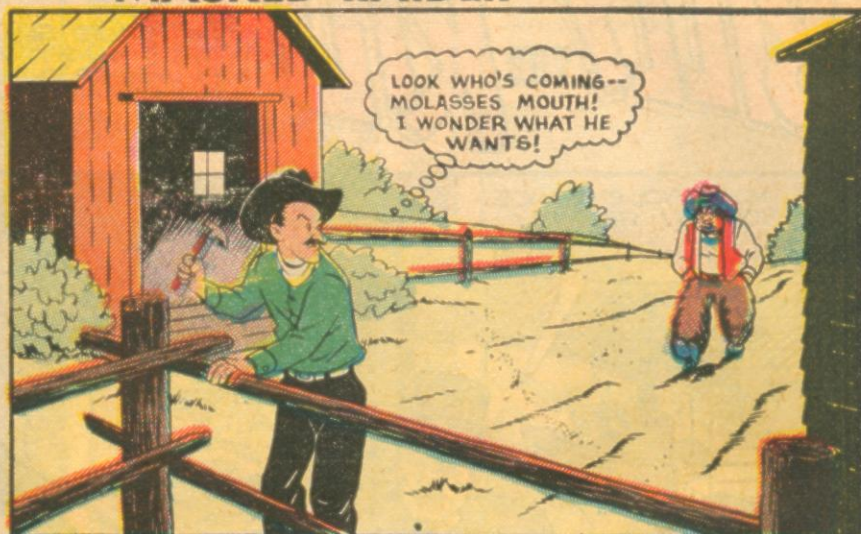


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# BILLY THE KID

in the **TROUBLE TWINS**

THEY CALLED SAM AND FLASH BORIOS THE TROUBLE TWINS AND THE SLIM, DEADLY GUNMEN LIVED UP TO THE NAME. THEIR GUNS WERE FOR HIRE AND WHEN CASH LEEDS COULDN'T SMASH BILL BONNEY HIMSELF, HE SENT FOR THE FAMED GUNSLINGERS.



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IT WAS HAIRCUT TIME FOR BILLY THE KID AND HE WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO FIND THE BARBER CHAIR EMPTY WHEN IT ALL STARTED...



HOLD IT, BONNEY, I'M NEXT!

HUH? I WAS HERE FIRST!





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BILLY FORGOT THE INCIDENT AND THE THREAT! BUT CASH LEEDS DIDN'T! A TELEGRAM HE SENT FOUND THE BORIOS BROTHERS THAT SAME NIGHT...



THE TROUBLE TWINS ARRIVED TWO DAYS LATER! CASH LEEDS HAD THEIR MONEY WAITING...





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YOUNG BONNEY WAS WARNED -- AND HE KNEW TROUBLE WAS COMING ...

SAM AND FLASH BORIOS WENT INTO LEEDS' OFFICE! YUH KNOW WHY HE SENT FOR THEM, DON'T YUH, BILLY?

I KNOW, MARSHAL! THE TROUBLE TWINS WILL BE AFTER ME! WHAT CAN I DO?



YOU SHOULD DRIFT OUT OF THE COUNTRY! THERE'LL BE TROUBLE IF YUH DON'T, AND I CAN'T STOP IT!



WATCH 'IM, FLASH! HE THINKS HE CAN CROWD US INTO THE MUD!

SI! HE IS TOUGH ROOSTER, HE THINKS!

I SEE YOU BOYS GOT YOUR ORDERS ALREADY! HOW MUCH DID LEEDS PAY YOU?



WHATEVER IT WAS, YOU WON'T EARN IT NOW! TRY SOME OTHER TIME, BOYS!

HE IS FRIGHTENED, FLASH! BILLY THE KID IS AFRAID OF US!



THE ENTIRE TOWN SAW BILL BONNEY BACK DOWN! BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW HIS REASONS...

HI, MR. BONNEY! I WAITED TO SAY HELLO BUT YOU DIDN'T SEE ME!

I SAW YOU, JOHNNY -- JUST IN TIME! NOW, RUN HOME AND PLAY!



GIVE ME SOMETHIN' COLD, HARRY!

WHAT'S WRONG, BONNEY? LOSE YORE NERVE? YUH ALWAYS WAS A FOURFLUSHER!





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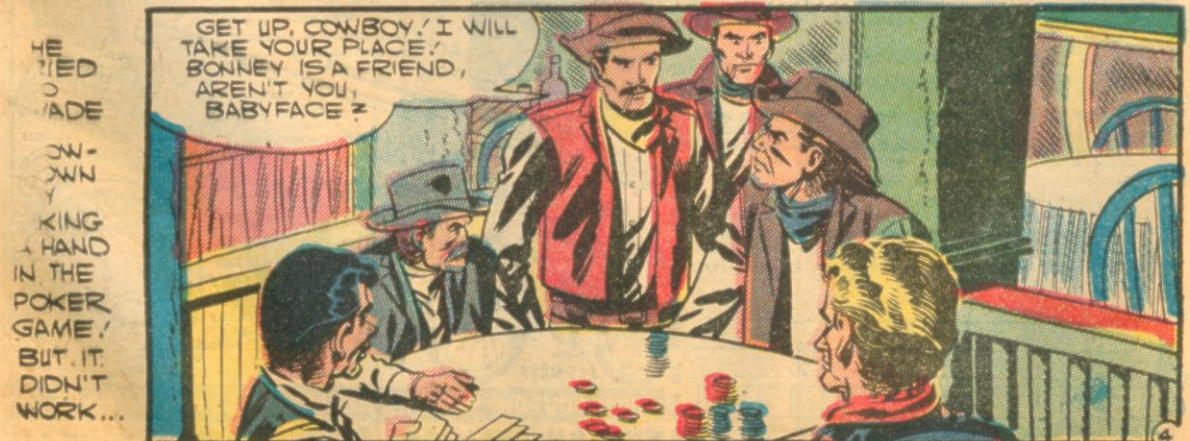
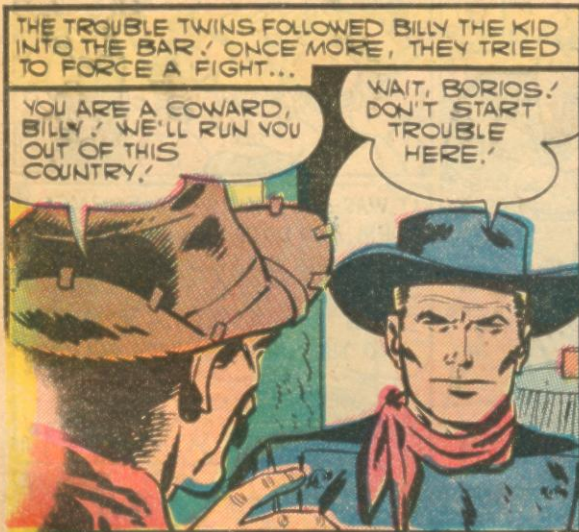


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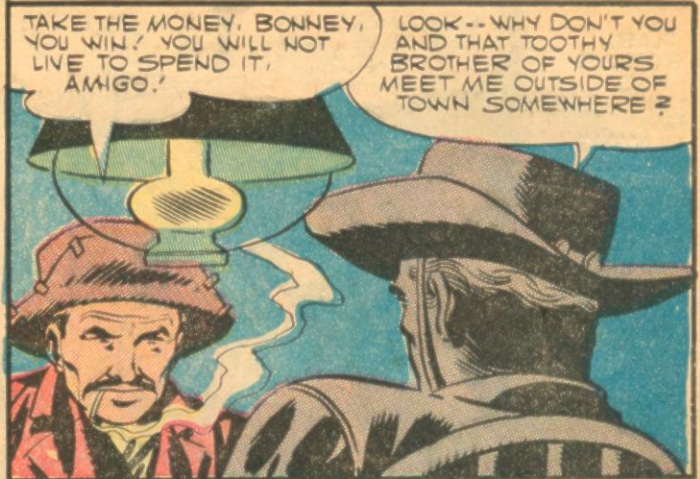


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FLASH BORIOS HAD HIS GUN BLAZING TOO... BUT BILL BONNEY WAS MOVING FAST...

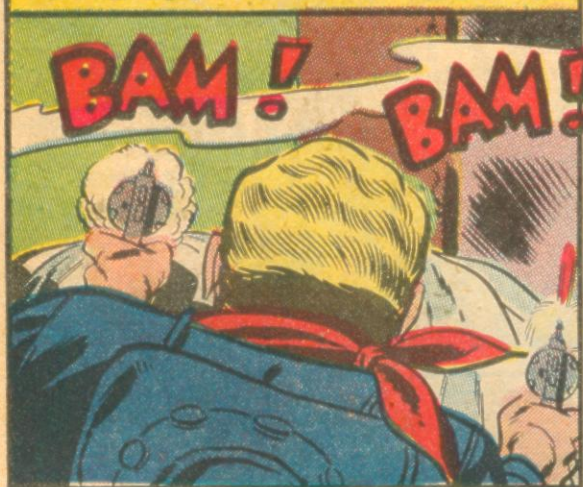


DON'T MISS HIM THIS TIME, YOU TWO!

I'LL GET...

YOUR HIRED HELP WON'T GET ME, LEEDS! NEITHER WILL YOU!

THEN THE FLASHING GUN SPEED OF BILLY THE KID BEGAN EVENING THE SCORE...



YUH CAN'T BE LUCKY ALL THE ... AAAH!

DROP IT, LEEDS!



SUDDENLY, IT WAS OVER! THE TROUBLE TWINS WERE IN PLENTY OF IT AND SO WAS THEIR BOSS...

PUT THE GUN AWAY, THE SHOOTIN'S OVER! WE'LL GET YOU NEXT TIME!

THAT WON'T BE SOON, LEEDS! YOU AND YOUR STOOGES ARE GOIN' TUH JAIL!



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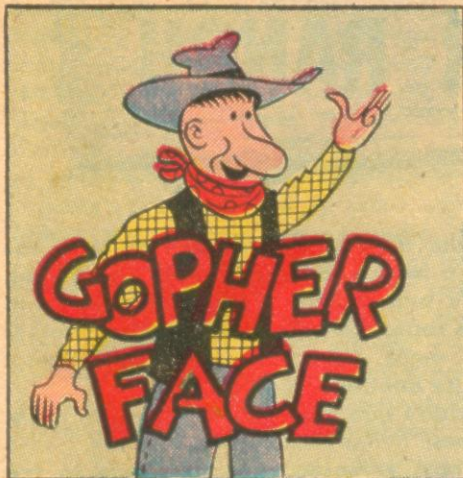
YOUR TWO HIRED GUNMEN TRIED TO ROB ME! YOU SAID YOU HIRED THEM-- THAT MAKES YOU GUILTY OF ROBBERY TOO! RIGHT, MARSHAL!

HE'S RIGHT, LEEDS! YUH WON'T BE ABLE TUH BUY YORE WAY OUT OF STATE PRISON EITHER!

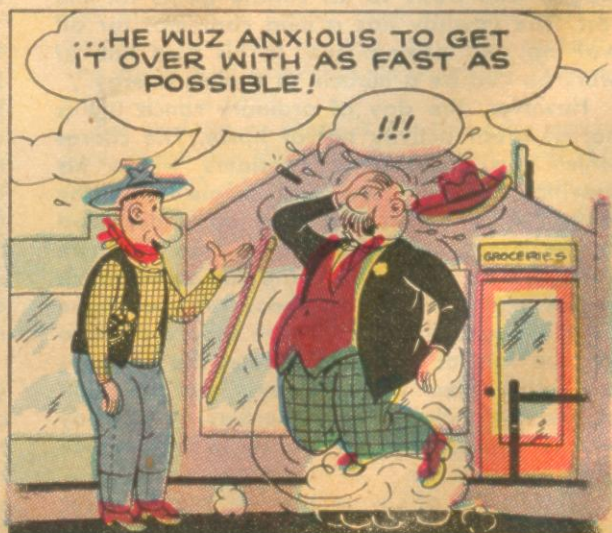
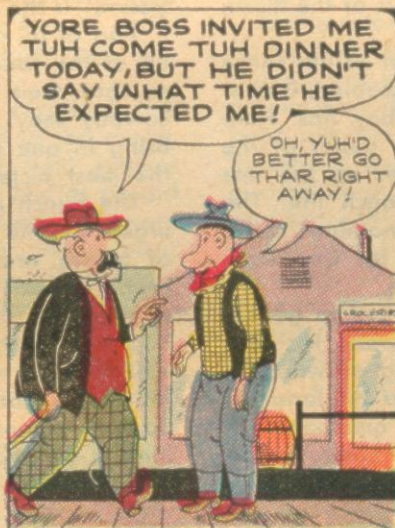
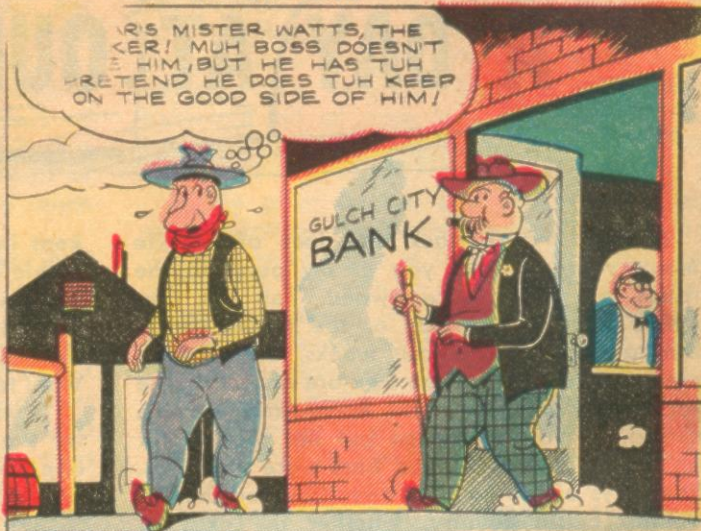


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There is no lock upon the door of our ranch house, whether it be empty or occupied. It constitutes the only home the cowboy has. Here he returns from the more active duties of the round-up or the drive and takes up the less exacting routine of everyday ranch life. The cowboy is a horseman and nothing more. Hence he has little inclination for any work that can not be done in the saddle.

Thus, if the cowboy feels obliged to go out for wood, he goes out on horseback. His idea of the correct way to get a log of wood to camp is to drag it at the end of his lariat. If a wagon is mired down in the quicksands of a soft crossing, the cowboy who comes to the aid of the driver does not dismount. He makes fast his rope to some holding place on the wagon and trusts to his saddle girths for the rest. The cowboy has a mild contempt for all walking and driving men. In his own line of work he can be a miracle of tireless energy.

However, the day of ordinary ranch life is not of great activity nor of haste. The chores which the cowpuncher considers within his province are very few and simple. If in the winter some horses are kept up under feed in the ranch stables, he may feed his own horse, but no other man's. The day at the ranch begins early, for by daybreak the men have slept enough. There is little to induce them to stay up late at night. As a rule, the cowboys are rather silent men. However, not so silent as the melancholy sheep herders. A cowboy who is "mouthy" is not usually in high repute at a cow camp.

The cook, is of course, the first one up about the place. After work, if it happens to be cold, the first work is attending the riding horses

kept in the stables. Behind each horse in the stable is a long wooden peg upon which hang the bridle and saddle. It is the rule never to touch the rope, quirt, or other parts of another cowboy's outfit. Of course, one man will not want to use another's saddle.

"I wouldn't ride a mile in that thing o' yours for the best heifer that runs the range," says one cowboy, referring contemptuously to the prized saddle of another.

"I'd plum have a misery if I had to ride yours," is the reply.

Part or all of the horse herd will not be kept up at the ranch house, but it will be watched so that their whereabouts will be known. A cowboy may be sent out in the morning to bring in one horse herd. Then follows one of the most picturesque events of the day.

The bunch of horses comes up on a gallop, urged by the cowboy behind them. All sorts of horses are in the collection. All of them rough of coat and hard of form. And not one of them has a pleasant expression as he turns into the ranch corral, with his ears drooping and his eyes rolling about in search of trouble. Inside the corral each horse runs about and dodges behind his fellows when he fancies himself wanted. He is doing his best to escape when he falls into meek quiet as he feels the circle of rope. The cowboy leads him out and throws the heavy saddle on his back.

The horse stands there the picture of forlornness and despair, apparently upon his very last legs and quiet unfit for travel. The cowboy pays no attention to all of this but proceeds to cinch up the saddle. As he begins this the horse heaves a deep long breath which converts him temporarily into something of the figure of a balloon. The cowboy knows what this means, and putting his foot against the side of the horse, he gives a quick, strong pull on the girth, which causes the horse to grunt in a grievous way and to lessen his size abruptly.

The hind cinch is not drawn tight for in regard to that, the cow horse feels that it has certain rights to breathing room which even the cowboy is bound to respect. In any case, the pony may pitch a little when the cowboy swings into the saddle. Especially if it has not been ridden for some time.

As Jim, our cowboy and one whom I liked



very much when I was a youngster on the ranch, rides along on his day's work, he sees many things which a tenderfoot would not notice. He notes where a deer has crossed the ranch road. Where the wolves have been playing in the sand. Where the bob cat has walked along the muddy bank. He sees the track of the horse which crossed and can tell whether or not it is a fresh track. Perhaps it is part of his day's work to look up some of the ranch horses which have strayed away.

The range in summer time is a breezy and not unpleasant place to be in spite of the brilliant sun. Always the eyes of the cowboy roam over the expanse ahead. He can tell farther than the tenderfoot what is going on out on the horizon. He knows what is this distant horseman crossing the flat ahead. If it is a cowboy, he knows him because he rides straight up in his stirrups with no crooking-back of the leg. If it is an Indian, he will be sitting hunched up, with his stirrups very short and his leg bent back under the horse's belly, riding with the calf of his leg rather than with the thigh or knee.

If Jim does not think that a certain horseman should be there at this part of the range, he may stop and unsling the field glasses which he sometimes carries with him as an aid in his work. He sees a little bunch of young cows running up out of a draw and suspects that the gray wolves may have pulled down a calf there. He sees the coyotes, reddish in the warm sun, sneaking off across the plain. He notes the low sweep of a big eagle, and watches a long time the actions of a bunch of antelopes.

As he rides along the range, the cowboy keeps an eye out along the watering places to note any animal that may have become mired down. When he sees a big steer thus entrapped, Jim rides up to the edge of the boggy place and sets about pulling out the animal.

Jim does not love a rattlesnake nor does his horse. He takes a shot or so at the snake with his six-shooter not heeding the objections of the pony to the gun. A cow horse has to get used to a great many strange things. Or Jim may dismount and kill the snake with his quirt, rather a short-ranked weapon for such a case.

Some day as the cowboy is riding his rounds

about the range, his quick eye may note out on the horizon a faint cloud which has not the appearance of a dust trail. This he regards intently, stopping his pony and looking steadfastly toward the spot. The little cloud does not pass away or grow less, but it widens and rises and all at once fans out on the wind taking on the unmistakably blue of smoke. This is fire!

If the grass be full and high, as it is on some parts of the cattle country, and if the wind be strong and in the right direction, the prairie fire will soon be a terrible thing. Everything is in danger. The entire profit of the season will be destroyed as well as all the possibilities for next year. The cowboy rides back at full speed and gives the alarm. The cowboys all know what to do in such a case. Some of the men look to the buildings, carefully back-burning a broad strip around them, so that the full sweep of the fire will not have to be met there.

Riding along the edge of the line of the flame, two cowboys drag at the ends of their ropes a wet green hide, a pile of wet blankets, or anything that will serve to drag down and beat out the flame which must be stopped. Sometimes help can be obtained in time from a neighboring ranch. The danger is common and hence all will help.

Jim taught me to ride, to read "trail," and to shoot. Those boyhood days on the ranch were wonderful. The traveller was always welcomed. News came to us by letter, books, magazines, old newspapers, and even by "gossip." In the old days, deer, antelope, wild turkey, and sometimes smaller game often appeared on the menu of the ranch.

There are now oil wells where the cattle once ranged freely on the ranch. In place of the horses are jeeps and automobiles. Even the airplane is being used by some of the ranchers to keep an eye on their property. The radio and television have moved the East right into the West.

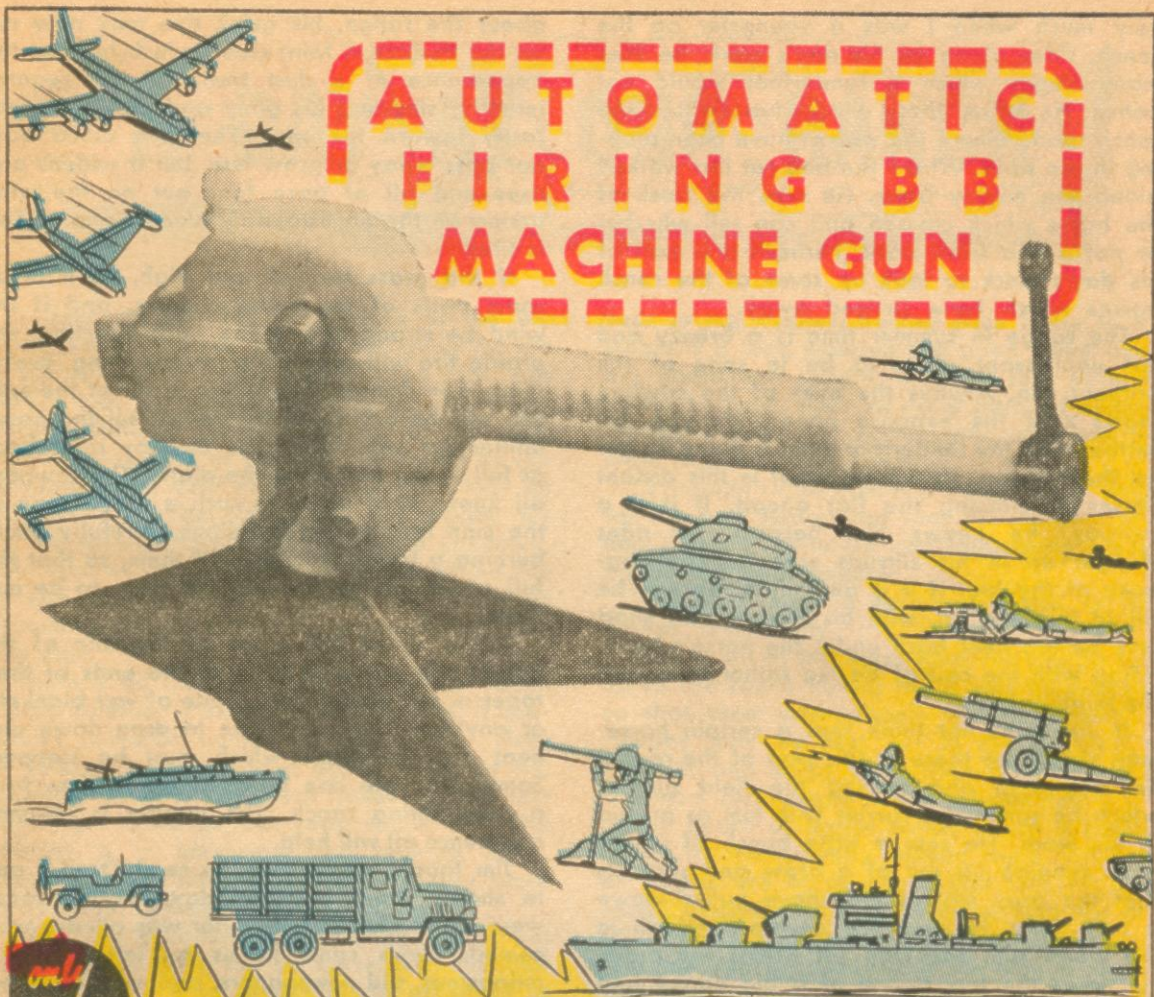
But as long as there is the thirst for adventure, then the Western Ranch will exist. The cowboy will always be on hand to meet any situation even when the first spaceship from Mars lands on the Bar-H Ranch!

— THE END —





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# MASKED RAIDER

# BILLY THE KID

# IN THE FIFTH ACE

ELEGANT AL HAMILTON DIDN'T BELIEVE IN GIVING CHUMPS AN EVEN BREAK-- WHETHER THE STAKES WERE PENNIES, DOLLARS, OR LIVES! SO WHEN BILLY THE KID SAW HIS FOUR ACES, HE KNEW HAMILTON WOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE MORE UP HIS SLEEVE!



YOU CHEATED ME THE WAY YOU CHEATED MY PAL, HAMILTON!

THAT'S RIGHT, SONNY! AND YOU'RE GOING TO WIND UP LIKE HE DID, FLAT ON HIS BACK! GET HIM, BOYS!

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YOUNG BILL BONNEY TRIED TO TALK RED MAGRUE OUT OF GAMBLING WITH HAMILTON-- BUT RED HAD CONFIDENCE HE'D WIN!



DON'T PLAY CARDS WITH ELEGANT AL HAMILTON, RED! YUH KNOW HE'S CROOKED!

EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT! BUT HE'S TOO SMART TO COLD DECK ME!



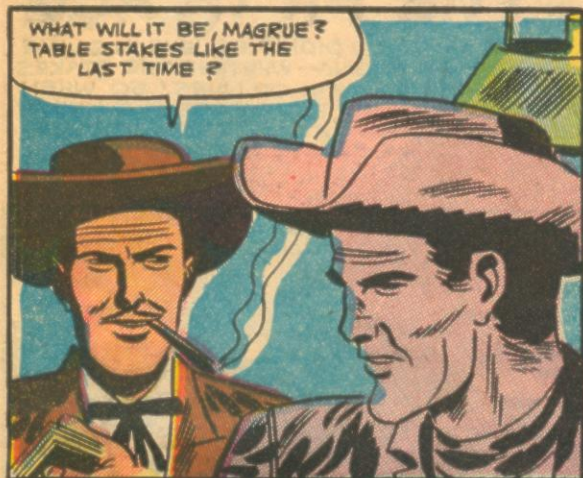
READY TO TRY YOUR LUCK, GENTLEMEN? THE TABLE'S WAITING--

NOT ME, HAMILTON! I WORK HARD FOR MY MONEY!



# MASKED RAIDER

HE HAD TO ADMIRE HAMILTON WHEN HE DEALT! THE GAMBLER'S DEFT FINGERS COULD DO ANYTHING WITH A DECK---!!



WHAT WILL IT BE, MAGRUE? TABLE STAKES LIKE THE LAST TIME?

QUIT NOW, RED! THIS TINHORN WON'T LOSE ANY MORE POTS! HE LET YOU HAVE YOUR FUN!

I'M NOT FOOL ENOUGH TO TRY TO MATCH YOUR GUNSPEED, BONNEY! PLEASE LEAVE THE TABLE! YOU'RE NOT PLAYING!



I'LL LEAVE, BUT I WON'T GO FAR! REMEMBER, RED'S MY FRIEND!

HE'S A GROWN MAN! LET HIM PLAY HIS OWN CARDS AND FIGHT HIS OWN FIGHTS!



RED WAS AS FAST AS THE AVERAGE COWHAND WITH HIS COLT-- BUT AL WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT HIM!! HE DELIBERATELY LET THE REDHEAD SEE HIM CHEAT ON THE LAST DEAL---

HOLD IT, HAMILTON! I SAW THAT!

BETTER FORGET WHAT YOU SAW, RED!



YUH HAD A SLEEVE-- UNGH!!

IT'S SMALL BUT IT THROWS A FIFTY CALIBER SLUG, COWBOY!



DON'T TRY ANYTHING, BONNEY! RED PULLED FIRST!

I SAW IT, HAMILTON! THAT'S A PRETTY SLICK SPRINGLOAD HOLSTER YUH CARRY UP YOUR SLEEVE! BUT IT WON'T WORK IF YUH TRY IT ON ME!





# MASKED RAIDER

AL HAMILTON KNEW BILLY THE KID WOULDN'T FORGET THE INCIDENT--AND HE HAD NO INTENTION OF FACING HIM IN A FAIR FIGHT!



THERE HE IS! IT'S WORTH A THOUSAND TO ME IF HE'S FIXED SO I NEVER HAVE TO DEAL CARDS TO HIM! NOT HERE, YOU FOOL!

I'LL FOLLOW HIM AND PICK A NICE SPOT! A THOUSAND SOUNDS GOOD!

I HEARD YOU WERE GOING TO BUCK HAMILTON, BILLY! THAT TRUE?

YEAH--AS SOON AS I STOW THIS STUFF WITH MY SADDLE, I'LL HUNT HAMILTON UP!



THAT GALOOT WITH THE RIFLE WHO WAS TRAILING ME IS OUT OF SIGHT! I GOT A FEELING HE'S---



**T**HE LIVERY STABLE OPERATOR HAD SEEN IT ALL--HIS TESTIMONY CLEARED BILLY BUT IT WAS DARK WHEN HE GOT TO THE RED DOG CAFE!

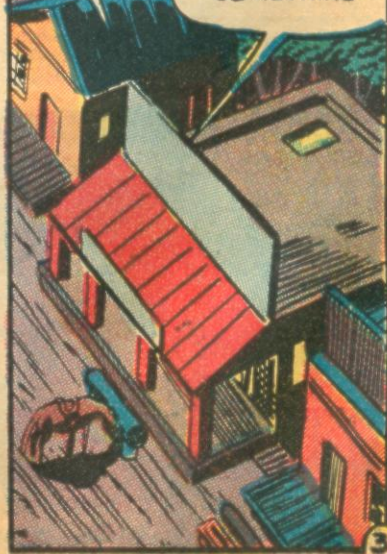
A FRIEND OF YOURS ASKED FOR YUH BEFORE HE CASHED IN! HE DIDN'T FINISH A JOB HE STARTED!

I HAVE NO FRIENDS BUT A DECK OF CARDS! THEY ALWAYS STAND UP!



LET'S SEE IF THEY DO, THIS TIME, HAMILTON!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, BONNEY! I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING--





# MASKED RAIDER



I DON'T LIKE YOU AND I NEVER DID! I THINK YOU'RE AN OVERRATED FALSE ALARM!

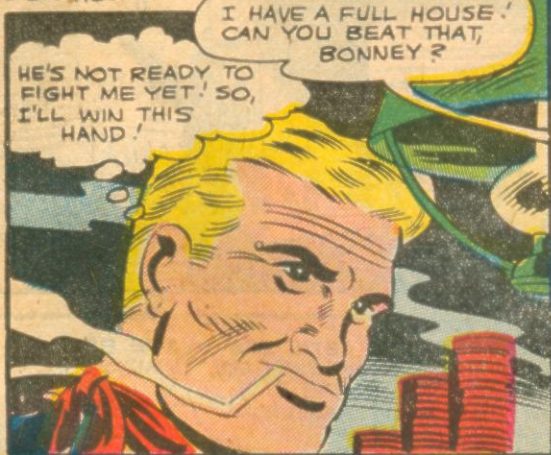
MR. HAMILTON, I'M HERE TO PLAY CARDS! WHY THE DELAY?



DEAL THE CARDS! YOU'RE WAITING FOR SOMETHING! WHAT?

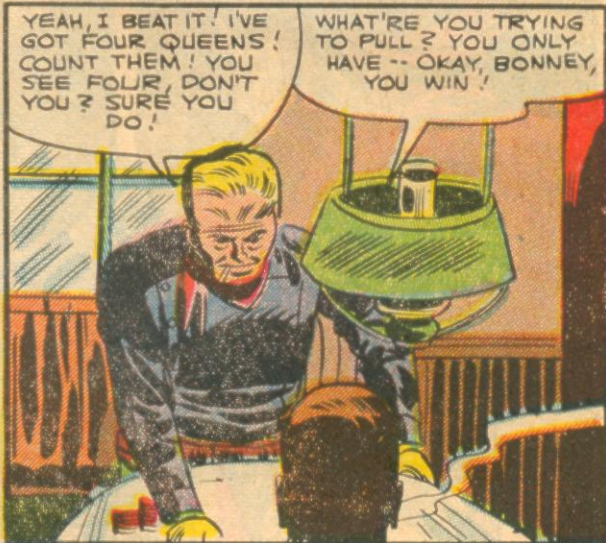
I'M RUNNING THIS GAME, BONNEY! I'LL DEAL AS I CHOOSE!

THEN BILLY UNDERSTOOD! HAMILTON HADN'T BEEN QUITE READY WHEN HE SAT DOWN! THE GUNSLINGER WHO'D LEFT, HAD GONE FOR HELP---



I HAVE A FULL HOUSE! CAN YOU BEAT THAT, BONNEY?

HE'S NOT READY TO FIGHT ME YET! SO, I'LL WIN THIS HAND!



YEAH, I BEAT IT! I'VE GOT FOUR QUEENS! COUNT THEM! YOU SEE FOUR, DON'T YOU? SURE YOU DO!

WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO PULL? YOU ONLY HAVE -- OKAY, BONNEY, YOU WIN!



THE WORD SPREAD FAST! BILLY WAS TAKING HAMILTON AT POKER! HAMILTON HELD THE BEST HANDS BUT BONNEY WAS TAKING THE POTS---

A BUSTED FLUSH BEATS A STRAIGHT TOO, DOESN'T IT HAMILTON?

JUST WAIT, SONNY! MY TURN WILL COME!



# MASKED RAIDER



MEANWHILE,  
ANOTHER OF  
HAMILTON'S  
GUNMEN  
WAS SETTING  
THE TRAP!  
A MAN  
WAITED  
SILENTLY  
AT ONE  
WINDOW---

ANOTHER WAITED AT THE BAR!



I'D BETTER GRAB ALL THE  
POTS I CAN, AL! YOU'RE  
GETTING READY TO BLOW  
THE WHISTLE!

AND A THIRD WAS IN A HOTEL  
ROOM ACROSS THE STREET.  
THIS ONE WAS THE REAL  
DANGER----



I KNOW YOUR TYPE AL!  
THIS JAILBIRD NEXT TUN ME  
HAS A GUN IN HIS POCKET  
PRIMED FOR ME! AND YOU  
PROBABLY GOT A HIRED  
GUN ON THE PORCH OUT-  
SIDE! AM I RIGHT?



MAYBE, BONNEY--- BUT I  
ALWAYS KEEP A HOLE CARD--  
AND I'VE GOT ONE THIS  
TIME TOO!



THEN USE IT!  
START THE  
MUSIC!



# MASKED RAIDER

BILLY THE KID INSTINCTIVELY MADE THE RIGHT MOVE FIRST! HE TURNED, GUN BLAZING AS HIS COLT LINED UP WITH THE WINDOW ----



ONE DOWN!



I'VE GOT THIS BUSHWACKER, BILLY! WATCH HAMILTON!



YUH CHOKED UP IN THE CLUTCH HAMILTON! NO SECOND CHANCES!

YOU LUCKY FOOL! I'LL GET YOU YET!



YOU SHOULD HAVE STUCK TO CARDS, HAMILTON! SHOOTING IRONS ARE MY SPECIALTY!

THE WOUNDED MAN AT THE BAR AND THE OTHER AT THE WINDOW READILY ADMITTED HAMILTON'S PLAN! BUT A PIECE WAS MISSING!

THAT CLEANS IT UP, BILLY! WHERE YOU GOING?

TO SEE RED MAGRUE! I GOT A HUNCH!



I WATCHED THEM SETTIN' UP THE AM-BUSH AND FIGURED THIS WOULD BE A GOOD SPOT! I SNUCK AROUND AND FOUND HIM HERE!

NICE GOING, RED! I GOT ALL YOUR MONEY BACK AND A BONUS FOR OUR TROUBLE!



THE END



# Jess Tames

in SCOOP

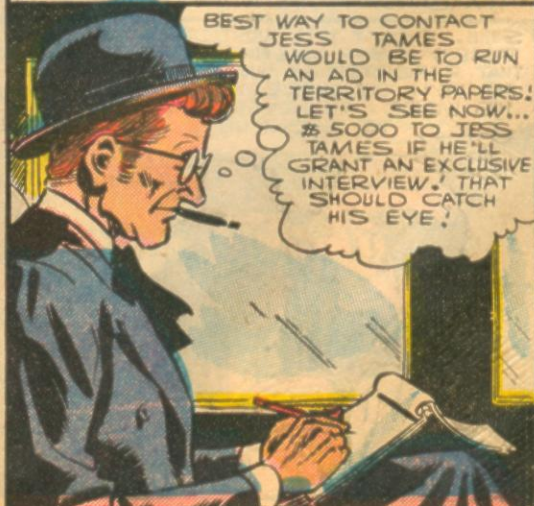


CARE TO HEAR HOW COME THAT PASSEL OF OWLHOOTS GOT PULLED IN SO EASY 2 WELL, IT ALL STARTED IN A NEWSPAPER OFFICE BACK EAST...

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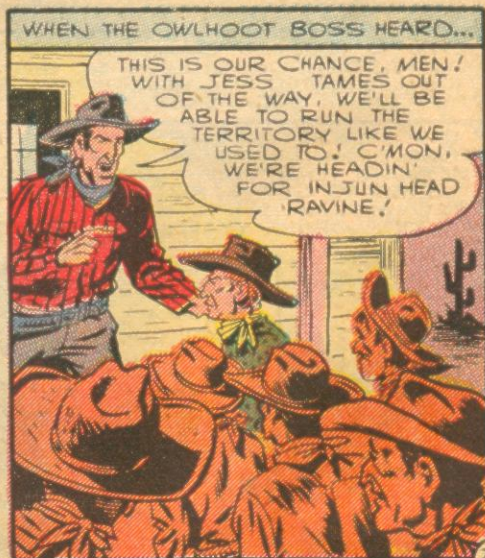
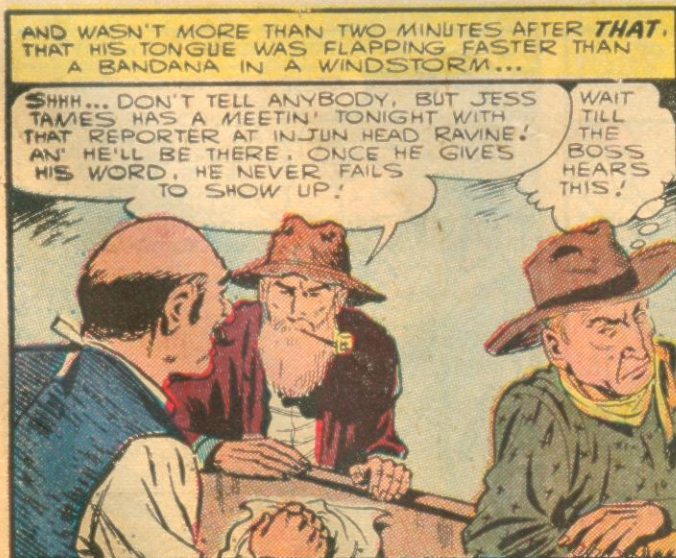
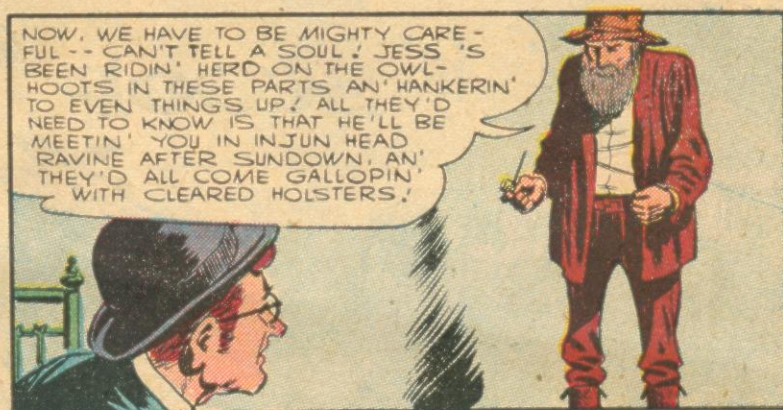
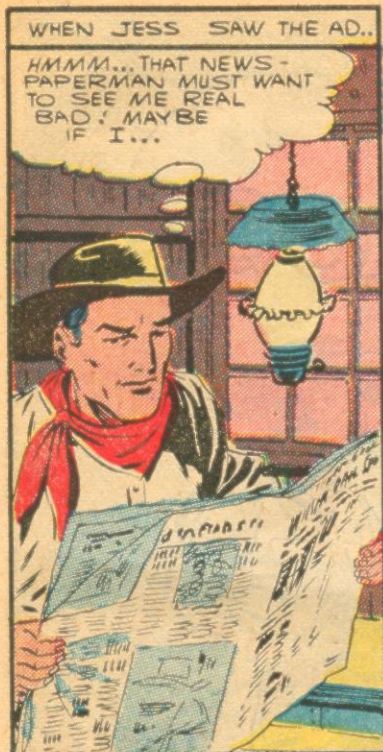


LATER, ON A TRAIN ROLLING WEST...



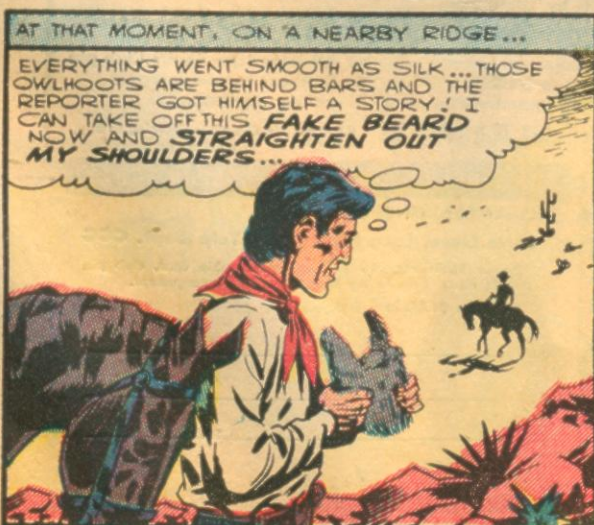


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...MOUNTED UP AND RODE BACK TO HIS HIDEOUT IN THE HILLS...!



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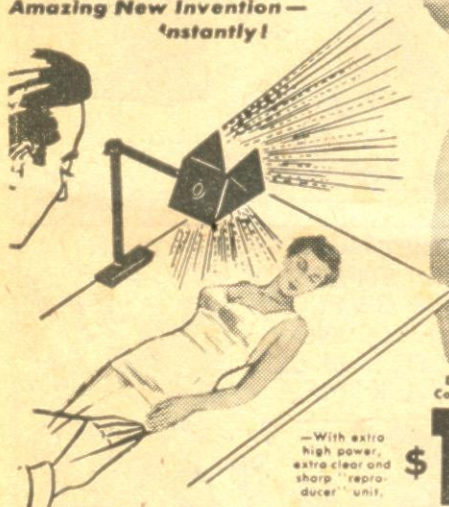




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We will send you the wonderful prizes pictured on this page... or dozens of others, such as jewelry, radium dial wrist watches, tableware, tools, air-rifles, U-Make-It kits, leather kits, sewing kits, electric clocks, pressure cookers, scout equipment, model airplanes, movie machines, record players, and many others... all WITHOUT ONE PENNY OF COST. You don't risk or invest a cent—we send you everything you need ON TRUST. Here's how easy it is: Merely show your friends and neighbors beautiful Religious Wall Motto plaques. Many buy six or even more to hang in every room. An amazing value, only 35c... sell on sight. You can make big cash commissions or get many exciting prizes for selling just one set of 24 Mottos. Other prizes for selling 2 sets or more. Write today for Big Prize catalog sent to you FREE.

**SEND NO MONEY-We Trust You!**



ROY  
ROGERS  
OR DALE  
EVANS  
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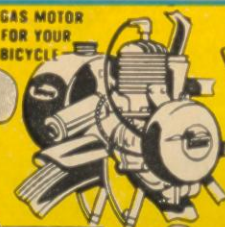
ARCHERY SET



SPORTS  
EQUIPMENT



TABLE TENNIS SET



GAS MOTOR  
FOR YOUR  
BICYCLE



SCOUTING  
EQUIPMENT

TUBE  
RADIO SET



ROLLER  
SKATES



BROWNIE  
MOVIE CAMERA  
PROJECTOR  
SCREEN



WALKING  
DOLL



JET PLANE  
WITH GAS  
ENGINE



WOODBURNING  
SET



COCKER SPANIEL



LIVE WESTERN  
COWBOY HORSE



21-INCH  
TV SET



BOY'S  
OR GIRL'S  
BICYCLE

**\$1,000.00 IN  
EXTRA PRIZES!**

You can get most prizes on this page by selling just one set of 24 Religious Mottos. In addition, I offer these wonderful BIG prizes! I'll tell you how you may win! All details sent free along with 24 Mottos I send you on credit.

## Here's How You Get Your Prizes

Rush your name and address on coupon and we ship AT ONCE PREPAID your first set of 24 Mottos ON TRUST. When you have sold the 24 Mottos, send the \$8.40 you have collected and you can secure your choice of many wonderful prizes. If you prefer to EARN MONEY, send \$8.00 and keep \$2.40. Hurry, send TODAY for 24 Mottos ON TRUST and big PRIZE CATALOG FREE.



TYPEWRITER



CHEMISTRY SET

## FREE Membership in FUNman's Fun Club

EXTRA! Sell mottos and send payment within 15 days, and I'll give you free a year's Membership in the FUNman's Fun Club. Membership card, certificate, secret code, giant packet of fun materials all yours—plus extra surprises!

The FUNman, Dept. C-109, 5726 N. Broadway, Chicago 40, Ill. **FREE BIG PRIZE CATALOG**

Please rush to me on 15 days credit 24 Religious Wall Mottos, to sell at 35c each. Also include big Prize Catalog FREE. I will remit amount required as explained in BIG PRIZE CATALOG within 30 days and select the prize. I want or keep a cash commission as explained. INCLUDE DETAILS OF HOW I MAY WIN THE EXTRA BIG PRIZES.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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